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WE "CALL" THE BLUFFER.

The following cheerful announcement has
stayed for a long time at the heart of the editorial
columns of an esteemed evening contemporary:

The circulation of the EVENING
SUN is larger than that of any other
evening paper in the United States.

This modest claim has long served as a solace
to a naturally perturbed editorial mind and to a
narrowing circle of admirers or fiction.

But even the "fascinating game of journalistic
bluff" has its disadvantages.

The EVENING WORLD hereby agrees to pay
\$5,000 in cash to the Press Club's charity fund
if, upon thorough examination, its bona fide cir-
culation is not found to be every day in the week
at least 25 per cent larger than that of the
"Evening Sun"—three prominent advertisers to
be the judges.

Now, "show hands" or stop your bluffing.

If this commendable offer is not accepted within
ten days we shall increase the percentage.

NO THREATS!

When a man says he "can only say" so
and so, what he does say is sure to be some-
thing he thinks pretty formidable.

Dr. NORVIN GREEN, a prominent electrical
physician, connected as President with the
Western Union Telegraph Company, "can
only say" this in reply to Mayor GRANT's
order that the poles must come down in sixty
days:

I can only say that if the threats about cut-
ting down the poles are carried out and tele-
graphic communication is cut off between this
city and other large centers, and between the
more important of our branch offices, there will
be a howl of indignation from the business com-
munity, which will be chiefly inconvenient,
compared with which the protests against the
wires in the air will be mere child's play.

Who's making "threats" unless it be Dr.
GREEN? "Physician heal thyself." And as
for the howl of indignation, it is already get-
ting ready to go up.

It won't be on the side of Western Union
monopoly, either.

SAFETY IN THE SCHOOLS.

Supt. D'ONOFIO, of the Building Bureau,
reports a school-house at Eighty-second street
and West End avenue in a dangerous condi-
tion. The halls are narrow, the ventilation
is bad and the stovepipes are perilously
near the woodwork.

How many other public school buildings
are there in this city of which the same re-
ports might truthfully be made?

There may be few; there probably are
many. Parents should resolve themselves in
each school district into a Vigilance Com-
mittee. Their vigilance should be specially
directed to the safety of the public school-
houses. An ounce of complaint may prevent
a frightful weight of calamity.

WORLDLINGS.

The richest man in Boston is Fred L. Ames,
whose fortune is reckoned at about \$20,000,-
000. His grandfather, Oliver Ames, used to
peddle shovels of his own handwork.

Bedford Proctor, Harrison's new Secretary of
War, is the father of four children, the oldest of
whom, Col. Fletcher D. Proctor, is his father's
right-hand man and the superintendent of his
business.

At a recent evening reception to the Quare-
ntine Club in New Orleans all the ladies present ap-
peared in costumes representing the classic
heroines of ancient Greece. The part of Iphi-
genia was assumed by Miss Winnie Davis, the
"daughter of the Confederacy."

Joseph G. Cannon, one of the candidates for
the Speakership of the National House of Repre-
sentatives, looks like a country deacon or justice
of the peace. He is sometimes mistaken for a
granger by strangers, but he is one of the sharp-
est and brightest men in Congress.

Forbidden Fruit.

[From the Terra Haute Express.]
Miss Mixer—Your church does not countenance
walking. I believe?

Miss Mixer—No, indeed!
Miss Mixer—I wish ours didn't. It would be
so much more fun!

MOTHERS say they would not be without MORRILL'S
EVENING CORIAL. Price 25 cents.

CONUNDRUMS

A Big Batch Selected from Thou-
sands Submitted.No Conundrums Received After 6 P. M.
To-Day Can Compete.Judge Carleton Will Announce His De-
cision To-Morrow If Possible.

THE CONTEST CLOSES TO-DAY.

In accordance with the announcement the
conundrum contest closes at 6 P. M. to-day.
Judge Carleton will endeavor to award the prize
(\$20 in gold) in to-morrow's issue. We print
to-day a generous instalment of conundrums,
but only about one in fifty of those submitted.
To-morrow we may publish a few more of those
received before the competition closes. The con-
test, needless to say, has been a notable success.

Many Are Not Parents.

When is the answer to a conundrum appar-
ent? When it gives birth to a smile. HENRY.

Agains, Our Feet.

Why is THE EVENING WORLD like its poet?
Because each is a PANDY.

A Canstic Fan.

Why is an evening quotation of specie like
lunar canstic? Because it is the night rate of silver.

Worthless Yet Valuable.

Why is the German mark of no value com-
pared to the American dollar? Because it is worth less (worthless).

Original but Vile.

Why is the eating of an animal's heart like
a musical instrument? Because it is an organ ste (organette).

A "Fruitless" Effort.

If I had two or more apples, and gave one
away, what city would it represent? Annapolis (an-apple-less).

There's Not Marketable.

Why should Millionaire Morgan dispose of
his docked horses at who's sale? Because he can't re-tail them.

How About Trunks?

What kind of a protector would a hotel
porter make? A chest protector. J. EDWARD KING.

Ambitions.

What laborer is the most to be pitied?
The hod-carrier, because he has such hod (hard) work.

What is the difference between a paper-

hanger and a bankrupt merchant? The hanger will paper walls and the other will pay
perhaps. KARL TON.

For Telegraph M. D.'s.

What class of physicians enjoy the largest
wages, and yet the least lucrative practice? Telegraph operators who are graduates in
medicine. They answer hundreds of "calls" every night.

A Washing Query.

What is the difference between a piece of
poorly-dyed calico and a kalsominer? The calico washes white, and the kalsom-
inist whitewashes. ETHELBERT ELY, Dover, N. J.

Not a Laughing Matter.

Why did not Newton laugh when he saw
the apple fall? Because the sight filled him with thoughts
of gravity. Dr. J. T. WATSON, Philadelphia.

A Hasty Conclusion.

What relation was Pigott to Prado?
A brother in trade, because both endeav-
ored to fool their "times." THOMAS YOUNG, Greenwich, Conn.

Square Car-Wheels.

When are the wheels of a car not round?
When it goes to Union Square. KIT BELLOUS, 1886 Lexington avenue.

Cannibalistic.

What feminine name suggests the feast of
a cannibal? Henrietta. ("Henry ate her.") ELMA, Rahway, N. J.

A Slop at Our Navy.

What is the difference between a pair of
Coney Island spectacles and the navy as it
was before Mr. Whitney took charge of it? One
you can't see to go in and the other
you can't go to see in. W. B. THOMAS,
928 Chapel street, New Haven, Conn.

These From Kings County.

Why is THE EVENING WORLD like a full-
rigged ship? THE EVENING WORLD has one Guy (Carle-
ton) attached to it and the ship has many
guys.

Why is the White House liable to become a
very wicked place?

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207 East One Hundred and Seventh street.

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SAM LAY, 231 East Eighty-fifth street, City.

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GEORGE J. BOEHM, 541 East Eleventh street, City.

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Soil of Old Ireland?Novel and Timely Topic for Discussion
with St. Patrick's Day at Hand.Let Us Hear the Pro and Con of This
Interesting Question.

Nobody seems to know just how or when to
celebrate St. Patrick's Day this year. It falls
on Sunday week. Some organizations will
commemorate it prematurely on Saturday,
the 10th. Others will bear it in mind on
Sunday, the real anniversary. Still others
will celebrate it on Monday, the 11th, and
some indefatigable spirits will doubtless cele-
brate it on Tuesday.

As one way in which to bear the virtues of
St. Patrick in mind, THE EVENING WORLD
suggests a discussion on the various phases
of the question, "Can Snakes Live in Ire-
land?"

Such a discussion must of necessity involve
a consideration of what is popularly sup-
posed to be St. Patrick's most notable
achievement.

The question is certainly very interesting.
Is it really true, for instance, that there are
no snakes in Ireland? Positive statements,
both affirmative and negative, have been
made in regard to this matter.

And if there are really no snakes in Ireland,
what physical, natural or climatic reason pre-
vents their propagation there if once im-
ported, as they have been on various occa-
sions by traveling managers? Suppose a
cage of lively rattlers were let loose by some
irreverent invader about the lakes of Killar-
ney or in a milder and more sparsely settled
region, what would become of them?

THE EVENING WORLD suggests these queries to
its big army of readers as a novel and in-
teresting topic for next week's discussion. Any-
body who can throw any light upon the mat-
ter is invited to do so. Correspondents, how-
ever, will make their communications as
brief and pointed as possible. We have ap-
pointed a Snake Editor for this occasion only,
and he is invited to select from this discus-
sion should be addressed to him.

The Count di Montecelli says he's treated like
a brute just because a bell-boy originated a lie
about him in Paris. It looks at this distance as
if the Count ought to go back to Paris and chal-
lenge Buttons to a duel. We haven't much use
over here for Counts, anyway.

B. H. (in private reception-room, upstairs)—
Hello, "Lige, any more callers down there?"
"Lige—None; let some of the people."

B. H.—Well, let me know if any of the poli-
ticians come, and I'll be down.

Latest reports from Hayti present a discour-
aging view of the war. New Yorkers in search
of a scrimmage should think twice before going
in search of it to the black little island. Gen.
G. W. Marsh, formerly of this city, writes to
his friends here: "You have to watch the